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legislation. This letter is from three physicians, writing together, in a practice here in Lincoln. So this is a, not an individual, but three physicians in Lincoln. The three of us the...partners in...in our practice would like to show our support for your amendment to LB 23. There are certain circumstances, i.e. premature spontaneous deliveries secondary to incompetent cervix which we have no control over but may result in fetal death ultimately. To be prosecuted for this spontaneous and unavoidable situation would be entirely unfair and inexcusable. We encourage you to continue reference to attach the amendment to LB 23 and add future definition and protection of those of us who care for these women in these unfortunate situations. These are...and I've read from the other letters and I've given you some scenarios, these are...out of these individuals, there are five physicians that have written. I know personally two of them. I have the highest regard for them. These are not individuals, these are not among the individual physicians that are listed as being abortion doctors. These are...I saw an article and I saw the list of who performs abortions, these are not those physicians. That's not who I'm talking about. These are OB-GYN physicians. They work with women day in and day out to deal with pregnancies, to try to bring the life to the world. And they're saying that their goal of bringing life to the world is jeopardized by this legislation's lack of clarity about spontaneous miscarriages, the fact that it, not supposedly covered by the bill, but still may, in fact, the situations where it could, could be covered scares them and leaves them with less options to deal with the health of a woman who's pregnant and faces a miscarriage. I see this as a health issue. I don't see it as an abortion issue. I don't want to get into that issue. I do support the banning of this procedure in abortions. That's fine; I'm with you. What I see as a gray area and not defined clearly, that needs to be defined, and it's not my intent to provide some sort of trickery or deception to what the...to what is being proposed here. I have not been working on this with any particular group. I have run this by a legal counsel with the Medical Association to get their input, but it did not come from the Medical Association, did not come from Planned Parenthood or any other group, it is simply my read on this bill which I had not intended to get involved with. After reading the letters to me, from physicians concerned about this, I became concerned feeling that in my role